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Federal Fishery Council Seeks Applicants for Advisory Panels

The South Atlantic Fishery Management Council is soliciting applicants for open advisory panel seats. The Council's advisory panels inform and guide the Council in developing and implementing federal fishery management plans. Members include recreational and commercial fishermen, seafood dealers and processors, scientists, non-governmental organizations (NGOs) such as environmental groups and fishing organizations, and concerned citizens. Most of the seats on advisory panels are allotted by state and fishery sector, with others considered "at large" and open to any interested person. Advisory panel members are appointed by the Council to three-year terms and may be reappointed for two additional terms. The Council's advisory panels generally meet once or twice each year and members are compensated for travel and per diem expenses.

Applications are now being solicited for the following positions:

Habitat Protection and Ecosystem-Based Management Advisory Panel	(1) NC Recreational Seat, (1) SC Recreational Seat, and (1) At-large Research Scientist Seat
Law Enforcement Advisory Panel	(1) Commercial Seat and (1) Recreational Seat
Mackerel Cobia Advisory Panel	(1) NGO Seat, (2) Open Seats
Outreach and Communication Advisory Panel	(1) Open Seat, (1) Recreational Seat, and (1) Media Seat
Snapper Grouper Advisory Panel	(3) NC Seats, (3) SC Seats, (1) GA Seat, and (6) FL Seats

How to Apply

Detailed instructions on how to apply and application forms for individual advisory panels are available online from the Council's website at: <http://safmc.net/about-safmc/advisory-panels/>. For questions please contact Kim Iverson, Public Information Officer, at Kim.Iverson@safmc.net or call 843/571-4366.

Applicants are strongly encouraged to contact Council representatives from their area to discuss their interest in serving. Contact information for all Council members is available from the "About Us" section of the Council's website at www.safmc.net or through the Council office.

Applications must be received by August 10, 2020 for consideration by the Council during its September 14-18, 2020 meeting currently scheduled for Charleston. SC

The South Atlantic Fishery Management Council, one of eight regional councils, conserves and manages fish stocks from three to 200 miles offshore of North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia and east Florida.